

What is claimed is:

1. A method of sidebar conferencing, the method comprising:
establishing a conference between a first user, the first user having an audio stream, and a second user, the second user having an audio stream, the conference
5 having an audio stream;
creating a temporary conference;
directing the audio stream of the conference to the sidebar conference; and
directing the audio stream of the first user to the temporary conference and
directing the audio stream of the second user to the temporary conference, wherein the
10 audio stream of first user and the audio stream of the second user are only audible to the first user and the second user.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising prompting the first user for
information indicating the identity of the second user.
- 15 3. The method of claim 2 wherein prompting the user includes presenting a menu to the user.
4. The method of claim 2 further comprising receiving and processing voice
20 commands from the first user.
5. The method of claim 1 further comprising determining whether the
second user desires to enter the sidebar with the first user.

6. A device for conducting a sidebar conference between a first user and a second user, the device comprising:

means for establishing a conference between a first user, the first user having
5 an audio stream, and a second user, the second user having an audio stream, the conference having an audio stream;

means for creating a temporary conference;

means for directing the audio stream of the conference to the sidebar
conference; and

10 means for directing the audio stream of the first user to the temporary conference and directing the audio stream of the second user to the temporary conference.

7. The system of claim 6 further comprising means for prompting the first
15 user for information indicating the identity of the second user.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the means for prompting the user includes means for presenting a menu to the user.

20 9. The method of claim 7 further comprising means for receiving and processing voice commands from the first user.

10. The method of claim 6 further comprising means for determining whether the second user desires to enter the sidebar with the first user.

11. A system for conducting a sidebar conference within an on-going
5 conference, the on-going conference having an audio stream, the system comprising:

a network;

a first user coupled to the network, the first user providing an audio stream;

a second user coupled to the network, the second user providing an audio
stream;

10 a IVR server coupled to the network, the IVR server receiving commands from the first user causing the IVR server to prompt the conference server to establish a temporary conference; and

a conference server coupled to the network, wherein the conference server maintains a conference and establishes a temporary conference at the request of the
15 IVR server, the temporary conference including only the first and second user, the temporary conference including the audio stream of the conference and the audio stream of the first user and the audio stream of the second user.

12. The system of claim 11 wherein the IVR utilizes SIP commands to
20 establish the sidebar conference.

13. The system of claim 12 wherein the commands include the INVITE command.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein the conference server responds with a 200 OK command.

15. A method for establishing a sidebar conference between a first user and a second user, within a on-going conference, the on-going conference having an audio stream, the first user having an audio stream, the second user having an audio stream, the method comprising the steps of:

directing the audio stream of the conference to the sidebar conference; and

directing the audio stream of the first user to the temporary conference and directing the audio stream of the second user to the temporary conference.

16. A computer program for establishing a sidebar conference, the program comprising:

first code for establishing a conference between a first user, the first user having an audio stream, and a second user, the second user having an audio stream, the conference having an audio stream;

second code for creating a temporary conference;

third code for directing the audio stream of the conference to the sidebar conference; and

fourth code for directing the audio stream of the first user to the temporary conference and directing the audio stream of the second user to the temporary

conference, wherein the audio stream of first user and the audio stream of the second user are only audible to the first user and the second user.

17. A computer readable medium having stored therein instructions for
- 5 causing a processing unit to execute the following method:
- establishing a conference between a first user, the first user having an audio stream, and a second user, the second user having an audio stream, the conference having an audio stream;
- creating a temporary conference;
- 10 directing the audio stream of the conference to the sidebar conference; and
- directing the audio stream of the first user to the temporary conference and directing the audio stream of the second user to the temporary conference, wherein the audio stream of first user and the audio stream of the second user are only audible to the first user and the second user.

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